

Father, we pray today for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted for their faith. We know they are not alone in their suffering, for you said that you would not in any way fail us, nor give us up, nor leave us without support. You said you would not, would not, would not in any degree leave us helpless, nor forsake, nor let us down, nor relax your hold on us, assuredly not!

So we ask that your glorious presence would be manifested in the lives of the afflicted. We believe that you will be a wall of fire around them and that you will be the glory in their midst.

Lord Jesus, you said that, as your followers, we could expect hatred and persecution from unbelievers, just as you were also hated and persecuted. You also said that even in the midst of the tribulations, tests, and trials of this world, that your grace would be sufficient to sustain us, and that we would be endowed supernaturally with your peace. Jesus, because you overcame the world, you are the source of courage, strength, grace, and peace for your people.

We ask, Lord, that you draw these oppressed believers to the throne of grace today where they will find an abundance of mercy and grace to help in their time of need. May they rejoice because they are partakers of your suffering. May they remember your words promising a crown of life to the faithful. May they run their race with patient endurance, and boundless joy, keeping their eyes on you, Jesus, the Champion, who authors and perfects th faith.

Father, we thank you that you are the hiding place for your people. You hide them from the secret counsel of evildoers. You are like a refuge from the wind, a shelter from the storm. You refresh your people like streams of water in a dry country. You are like the shade of a huge rock in a parched land.

You preserve your people and surround them with songs of deliverance. Just like Israel in bondage in Egypt, the more your Church is harrassed and oppressed, the more they will flourish. Today we declare to the enemy that greater is He who lives in and empowers the Body of Christ than he who lives in the world. We declare and decree grace, victory and peace for the suffering Church.

In Jesus' name, Amen!